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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UN FUND  
FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL (UNFDAC)

REF: (A) STATE 103086 (NOTAL), (B) GENEVA 3728 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: REXED DESCRIBED RESULTS OF HIS RECENT VISIT TO  
AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND THAILAND AS WELL AS PLANS HE  
HAS FOR SOLICITING CONTRIBUTIONS. MISSION OFFICER AGAIN  
PRESENTED US POSITION ON UNFDAC ASSISTANCE TO LAOS.  
REXED COMMENTED ON FUND REACTION TO AFGHAN COUP AND SAID  
THE TURKISH MOPS PROGRAM IS MOVING ON SCHEDULE. END  
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1. MISSION OFFICER CALLED ON UNFDAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
REXED MAY 2, LATTER'S FIRST FULL DAY IN OFFICE AFTER  
RETURN FROM TWO WEEK TRIP SOUTH PACIFIC AND SE ASIA. DR.  
REXED REPORTED THAT GOVERNMENTS OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW  
ZEALAND EXPRESSED TO HIM THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF CONCEPT OF  
CONTRIBUTING DEVELOPMENT AID FUNDS TO NARCOTICS CONTROL

PROJECTS HAVING DEVELOPMENTAL ASPECTS. REXED STATED THAT HE SPOKE TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS IN TERMS OF THE NEEDS FOR INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN POPPY GROWING AREAS OF THAILAND. HE GAVE THEM HIS ESTIMATE THAT EFFECTIVE ACTIVITY IN THAILAND COULD UTILIZE US \$2 MILLION PER YEAR FOR FOUR OR FIVE YEARS AND REQUESTED THEY PROVIDE AS MUCH OF THIS AS POSSIBLE. HE SUGGESTED THAT NEW ZEALAND MIGHT WISH PROVIDE \$500,000 PER YEAR, ALONG THE PRECEDENT OF THE NETHERLANDS, DENMARK AND SWEDEN. BOTH GOVERNMENTS UNDERTOOK TO DETERMINE THE ACTUAL AMOUNTS OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DEVELOPMENT FUNDS LATER, AND NEW ZEALAND IN INTERIM PLEDGED TO INCREASE ITS ANNUAL REGULAR CONTRIBUTION BY \$5 THOUSAND TO \$30 THOUSAND.

2. REXED DESCRIBED BOTH GOVERNMENTS AS IMPRESSED BY NORDIC AND NETHERLANDS CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFDAC FROM DEVELOPMENT FUNDS LAST YEAR. THEY BOTH QUERIED HIM INTENTLY ON WHETHER IT WAS POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE ANY IMPROVEMENT OF THE NARCOTIC PRODUCING SITUATION IN SOUTH EAST ASIA AND WHETHER THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED ARE SINCERE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ERADICATE ILLICIT DRUGS. HE PROVIDED ARGUMENTS TO SUPPORT AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE TO BOTH QUESTIONS.

3. DR. REXED'S CONFIDENCE IN HIS AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSES APPEARED TO BE BOLSTERED BY IMPRESSIONS GAINED DURING CONFIDENTIAL

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ONE-DAY STOPOVER BANGKOK ENROUTE HOME TO GENEVA. HE MET WITH GENERALS CHAVALIT AND PHAO, MEMBERS OF THE UNFDAC STAFF AND U ZAW WIN, UNFDAC ADMIN AND FINANCE OFFICER FROM RANGOON. HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS OF THE RTG EVIDENCED BY RECENT MAJOR HEROIN SEIZURES.

HE WAS ALSO PLEASED BY THE PRESENCE IN BANGKOK OF THE BURMESE PROGRAM OFFICER, WHO IS STUDYING THE UNFDAC/THAI PROGRAM FOR TWO WEEKS. HE HOPED THE SORT OF INTERCOMMUNICATION WOULD PROMOTE INCREASED COORDINATION BETWEEN PROGRAMS AND GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS.

4. DR. REXED REPORTED THAT HE SPOKE TO THE RTD DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND STRESSED THE NEED FOR PREPARATION OF A MASTER PLAN SO THAT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ALL SOURCES TO THE THAI ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORT COULD BE EFFICIENTLY COORDINATED. TAKING A NEW TACK, HE REQUESTED THAI ASSISTANCE TO UNFDAC SO THAT THE LATTER COULD BETTER DETERMINE ITS ROLE IN THE RTG OVERALL NARCOTICS PROGRAM. HE SAID THE FUND COULD NOW SEND AN EXPERT OR TEAM TO THAILAND TO HELP DETERMINE ITS FUTURE ROLE.

5. TURNING TO FUTURE SOLICITATION EFFORTS, DR. REXED NOTED THAT SWEDEN IS SERVING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE POMPIDOU INITIATIVE MEETING WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 3. DR. REXED HAS ARRANGED WITH THE CHAIRMAN TO BE INVITED TO THIS MEETING IN ORDER TO PRESENT THE CASE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFDAC. REXED NOTED ALSO THAT DURING HIS RECENT TRIP HE HEARD SEVERAL COMMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT JAPAN SHOULD BE CONTRIBUTING TO UNFDAC FROM ITS INCREASING VOLUME OF DEVELOPMENT AID FUNDS. HE IS CONSIDERING AN APPROACH TO THE JAPANESE AND MAY SEEK US SUPPORT. HE ALSO WISHES TO INCREASE SOLICITATION EFFORTS VIS-A-VIS

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THE UK, FRG, FRANCE AND THE NETHERLANDS. MISSION OFFICER EXPRESSED ENCOURAGEMENT TO HIS PLANS.

6. MISSION OFFICER RAISED QUESTION OF SOLICITATION OF SWISS CONTRIBUTION IN CONTEXT OF LAOS PROGRAM, AS INSTRUCTED REF A, POINTING OUT US WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT UNFDAC SOLICITATION OF OPEN CONTRIBUTION AND OUR LACK OF SUPPORT FOR REQUEST FOR SWISS FUNDS FOR BAN DONE PROJECT IN LAOS. MISSION OFFICER STRESSED THAT US WOULD BE

CONCERNED BY ANY UNFDAC INVOLVEMENT IN BAN DONE PROJECT FOR REASONS PREVIOUSLY EXPLAINED IN DETAIL. DR. REXED RESPONDED THAT HE APPRECIATED US POSITION, BUT HE WAS ALSO CONCERNED TO MAINTAIN UNFDAC PRESENCE IN LAOS AS THE ONLY OUTSIDE INFLUENCE CAPABLE OF ASSISTING ACTIVITY  
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DIRECTED TO THE ELIMINATION OF OPIUM PRODUCTION. HE WAS CONCERNED THAT A COMPLETELY NEGATIVE REPLY TO THE LAO REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE AT BAN DONE MIGHT LEAD TO TERMINATION OF THE UNFDAC PRESENCE IN LAOS. THEREFORE FUND HAD INSISTED UPON LAO PROVISION OF CROP SUBSTITUTION SITE IN ACCORD WITH TERMS OF AGREEMENT BUT ALSO OFFERED GOOD OFFICES WITH RESPECT TO FINDING OTHER FUNDING FOR BAN DONE (REF B). HE SAID THE LPDR HAD NOT RESPONDED TO UNFDAC IN THIS MATTER, OFFICIALS INVOLVED APPARENTLY BEING COMPLETELY PREOCCUPIED WITH POLITICAL SEMINARS. DR. REXED ASSURED, HOWEVER, THAT HE "WOULD NOT DO ANYTHING HASTILY" REGARDING THE LAOS PROGRAM.

7. TURNING TO THE AFGHAN COUP, DR. REXED STATED THAT THE FUND IS TAKING A "WAIT AND SEE" ATTITUDE UNTIL THE SITUATION CLARIFIES. HE POSTPONED INDEFINITELY THE SCHEDULED CONSULTATIONS ON THE UPPER HELMAND PROJECT OF HIS STAFF MEMBERS WITH THE ADB IN MANILA, AND HAS PLACED A FREEZE ON THE DELIVERY OF \$400,000 WORTH OF EQUIPMENT IN THE PIPELINE UNDER THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT, PENDING CLARIFICATION OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT'S DESIRES AND INTENTIONS. DR. REXED SAID THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN AFGHANISTAN HAVE RENDERED UNTIMELY THE PROPOSED US/UN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS OF THE AFGHAN PROGRAMS AND SUGGESTED THEIR INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT.

8. REGARDING THE TURKEY MOPS PROGRAM, REXED MENTIONED THAT THE TURKISH MISSION HAD JUST INFORMED THE DND OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL FOR THE TWO UN "ADVISERS" TO ACCOMPANY TRAINING FLIGHTS IN THE MOPS PLANES. THIS DECISION FREES THE PROGRAM TO PROCEED ACCORDING TO CURRENT SCHEDULE. VANDEN HEUVEL

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